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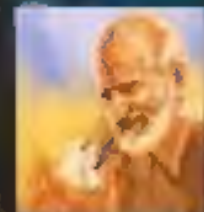
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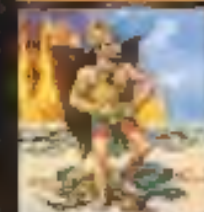


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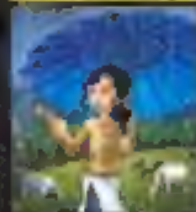
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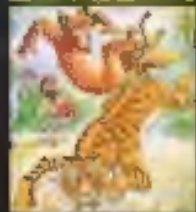
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KAPITAL IN THE KUMAON* REGION OF INDIA. THIS BEAUTIFUL TOWN, SET IN AN UNTOUCHED VALLEY TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE HAD ONLY BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SOME 30 YEARS. WHEN ON THE 26TH OF JULY, 1875, ONE OF HER MOST FAMOUS SONS WAS BORN...



EDWARD JAMES CORBETT, KNOWN TO THE WORLD SIMPLY AS JIM CORBETT

THOUGH IRISH BY DESCENT, JIM'S PARENTS CHRISTOPHER AND MARY CORBETT HAD BEEN BORN IN BRITISH INDIA. JIM AND HIS SIBLINGS SPOKE THE LOCAL LANGUAGES AND WERE FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL TRADITIONS.







*IN THOSE DAYS HUNTING WAS A POPULAR AND RESPECTED SPORT. NOW IT IS BANNED IN INDIA.



MAGGIE WAS JIM'S SISTER, SHE WAS JUST A YEAR OLDER THAN HIM

JIM HAD A CRANIAL TABLET THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS ACCORDING TO THEIR FUNCTIONS AS HE SAW THEM!

*SPOTTED DEER



JIM NOW STARTED LISTENING CLOSELY TO THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS

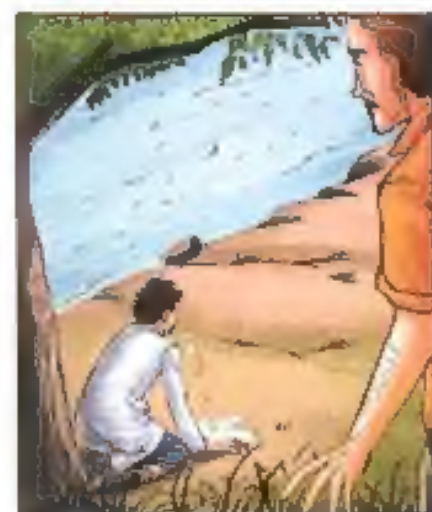


* LOOK AT THIS INHINDY
** VERY NICE INHINDY

** DARHET IS THE LOCAL KUNWAR DIALECT

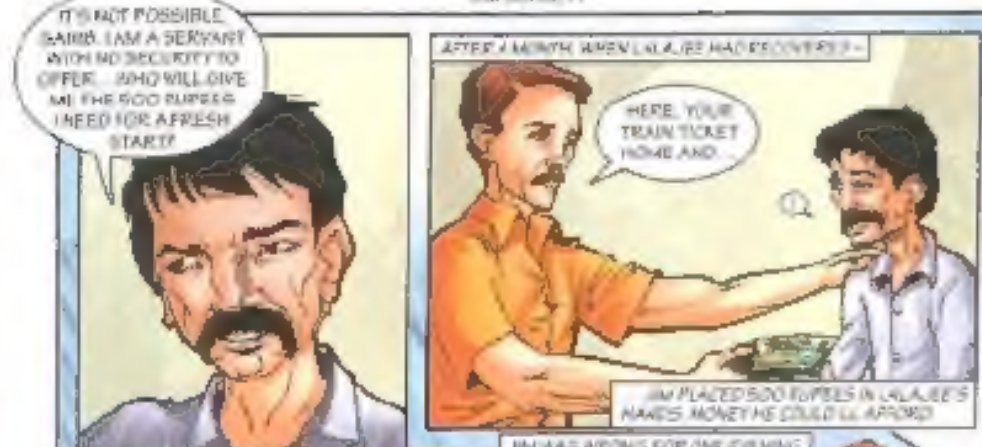








*LALA - MERCHANT IN HINDI





EVERY YEAR, JIM WOULD TAKE A VACATION IN NAINITAL IN 1907, ON ONE SUCH VISIT HE WAS CALLED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER -

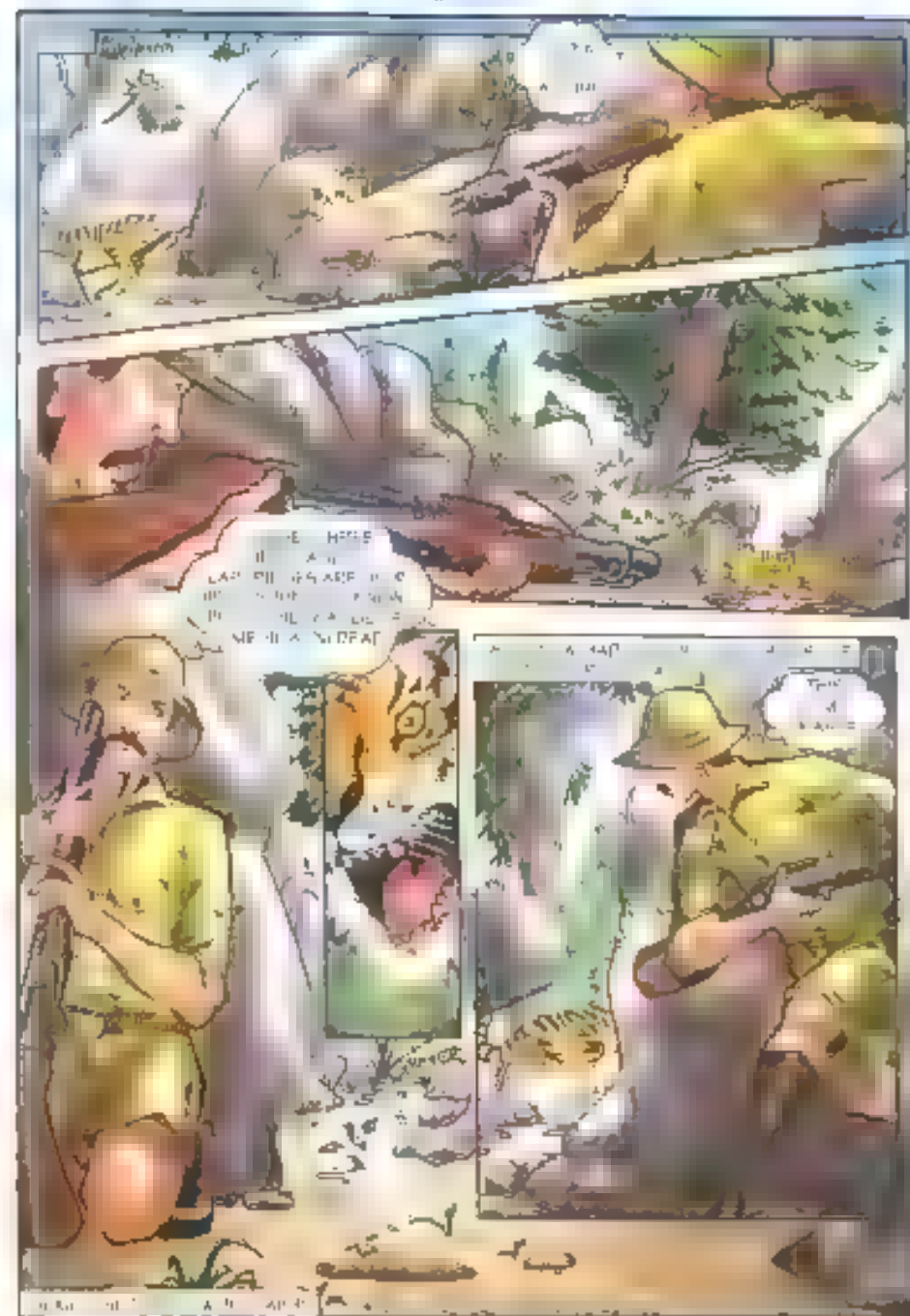


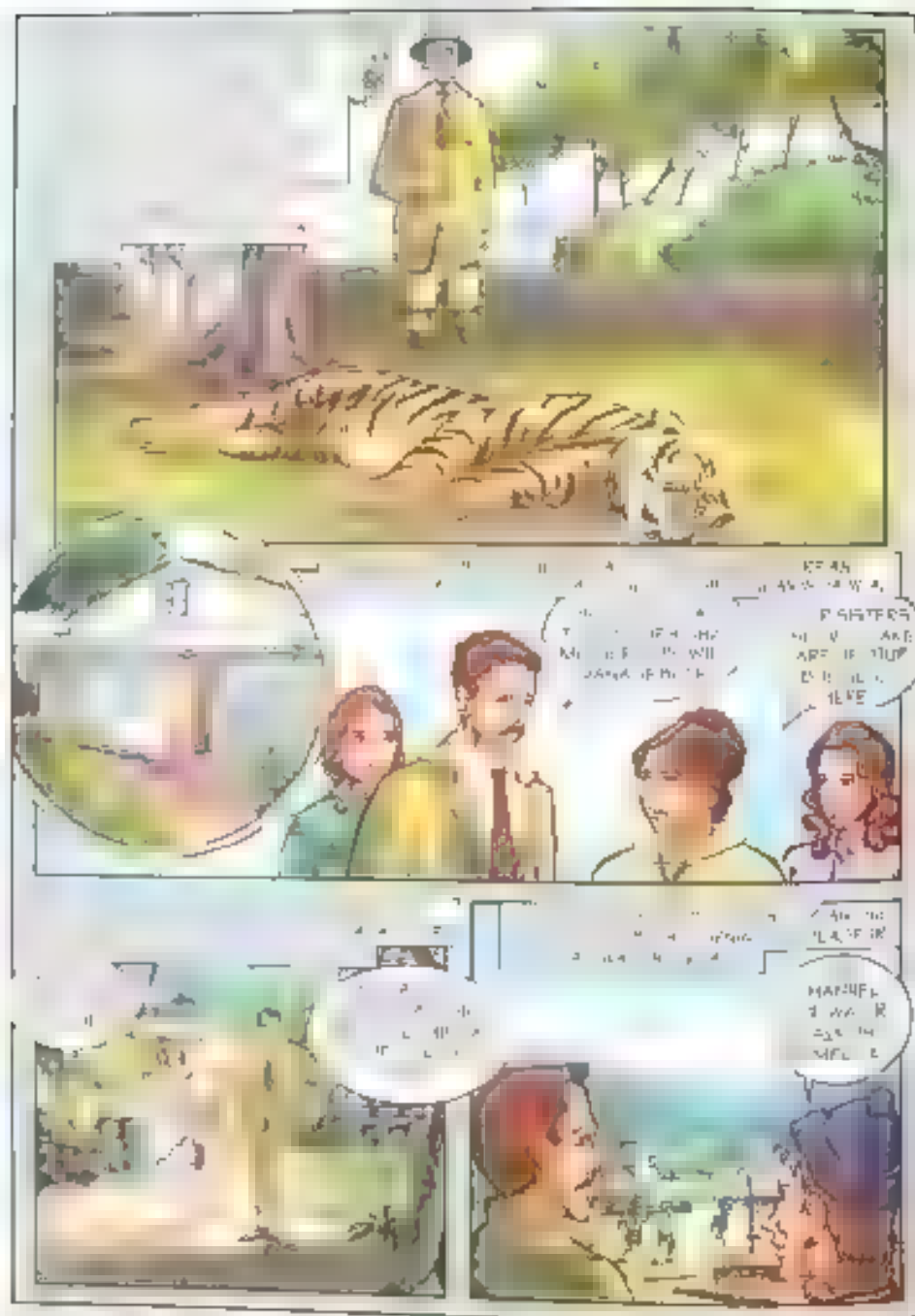
*THE MAN EATERS WERE NAMED AFTER THE AREA IN WHICH THEY USUALLY REMAINED



*LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL





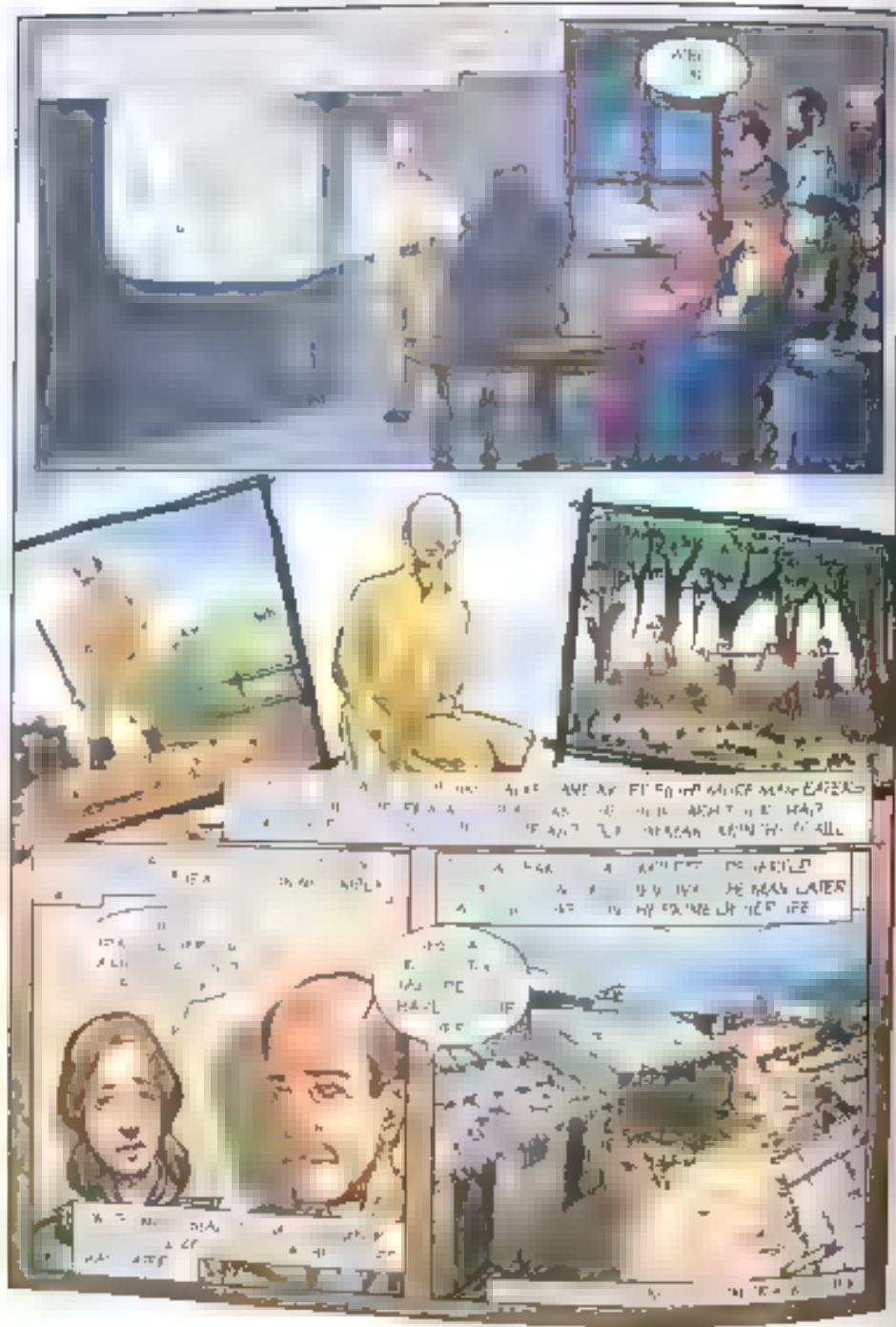


















JIM FOUND THAT THE TIGERS HAD GUNSHOT WOUNDS THAT HAD BECOME SEPTIC AND WERE PROBABLY THE REASON SHE HAD TURNED MAN-EATER.

AGAIN THE WORK OF A CARELESS HUNTER. I WISH I COULD HUNT SUCH HUNTERS DOWN. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED BECAUSE OF THEM.



BY NOW, JIM'S STATUS AS A HUNTER WERE WELL-KNOWN, BEING A MODEST PERSON, HE HAD WORKED THAT THEY WERE GROWING BEYOND RECOGNITION.

JUNGLE TALES LOSE NOTHING IN THE RETELLING. MAGGIE, SOMETIMES I DON'T RECOGNISE MY OWN EXPLOITS, THE WAY THEY'RE RETOLD!

THAT'S TRUE, JIM. IF YOU HADN'T WRITTEN ALL THESE LETTERS TO ME WHILE YOU WERE AWAY HUNTING, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T KNOW THE TRUTH FROM AN EXAGGERATION!



ONE NIGHT AT A DINNER IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MR CORBETT, HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF WRITING DOWN YOUR EXCITING ADVENTURES?

IT WAS LADY VALENTINE, THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE.



JIM, BASICALLY A HUMBLE AND SHY PERSON, WAS EMBARRASSED.

NOT GUILTY, MY LADY. I WOULD NOT DREAM OF DOING ANYONE WITH MY TALES.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU WILL NEVER MEET - MAYBE THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES.



JIM STARTED TO WRITE HIS STORIES.

HERE MAGGIE, READ THIS ACCOUNT. DO YOU THINK THIS SORT OF STUFF WOULD BE INTERESTING TO ANYONE?



WORLD WAR I STARTED AND JIM VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICES. BUT IN 1912, HE FELL SERIOUSLY ILL.

AFTER THREE MONTHS IN THE HOSPITAL, JIM WAS SENT HOME.

YOU HAVE THE TYPHUS. YOU MAY HAVE TO USE A WHEELCHAIR FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

DON'T WORRY, MAGGIE. I'M NOT GOING TO SPEND MY LIFE LIKE THIS.

OH, JIM!



HE ALSO EXERCISED HIS GIFT BY WRITING IN AUGUST 1944 HIS FIRST BOOK, 'MAM EATERS OF KILMORON', AND PUBLISHED



AS INSTANT HIT, THE BOOK WAS TRANSLATED INTO MORE THAN 20 LANGUAGES



JIM DISCOVERED COMPLETELY HE WAS MORE LEFT-BRAINED COLONEL AND LATER RETURNED AND LATER RETURNED TO KILMORON TO TEACH SOLDIERS FOR JUNGLE WARFARE. HE WAS 40 YEARS OLD

TO KNOW HOW MANY MEN FROM THE ENEMY CAMP PASSED THIS WAY WE DRAW A LINE ACROSS THE TRACK.

WITH THE TOE OF ONE FOOT ON THIS LINE WE TAKE A STEP OF THIRTY INCHES



THEN WE DRAW A SECOND LINE ACROSS THE TRACK. COUNT THE NUMBER OF HEEL MARKS BETWEEN THESE TWO LINES.

THAT IS THE NUMBER OF MEN IN THE ENEMY PARTY



ONE MORNING WHILE JIM WAS WATCHING WITH HIS DOG

OH LOOK! THAT'S A SERPENT EAGLE

REALLY? HOW CAN YOU TELL FROM THIS DISTANCE?



LET'S CALL IT DOWN FOR A CLOSER LOOK

HUNG

JIM TOOK OUT A WHISTLE HE HAD MADE FROM A REED AND BLENDED IT



IN A PERFECT IMITATION OF A BARN IN DISTANCE THE EAGLE CAME DROOPING DOWN

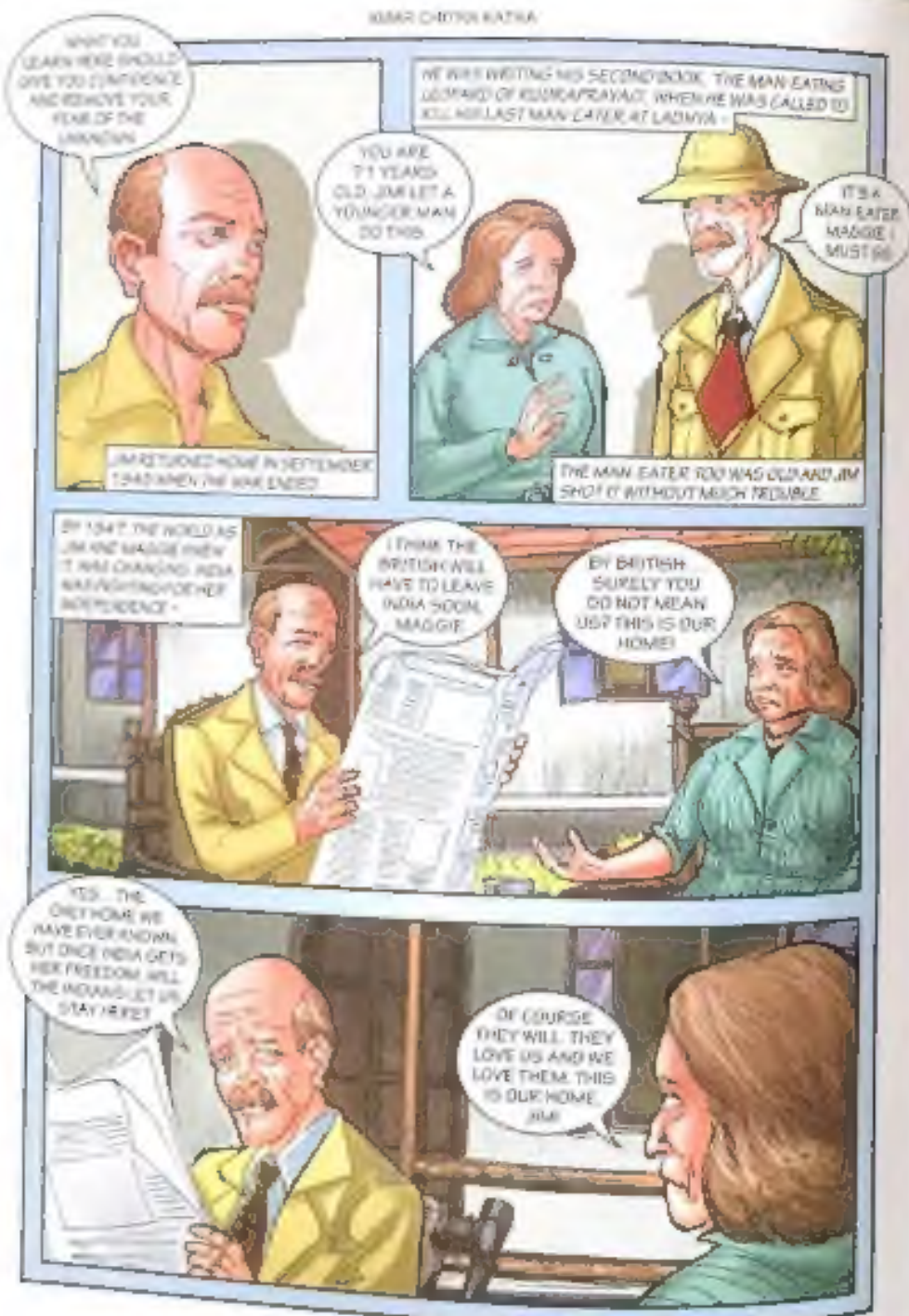
FASCINATING!

MY WORD!

IF YOU'RE HURT, SQUEEZE THE JUICE FROM THE LEAVES OF THIS PLANT ONTO THE WOUND. IF IT'S NOT TOO DEEP IT WILL HEAL



JIM TAUGHT THE YOUNG MEN HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE JUNGLE



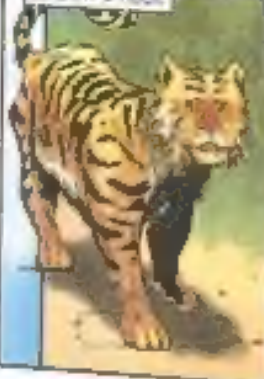
WHEN THE PEOPLE IN KUMAGH FOUND OUT, THEY WERE HEARTS BROKEN. JIM HAD REMEMBERED THEM IN HIS WILL AND LEFT MONEY FOR THEM.



THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT INCREASED THE AREA OF THE HAILEY NATIONAL PARK TO 520 SQ KM AND RENAMED IT CORBETT NATIONAL PARK. IN 1957, JIM'S RAJADHINGI HOUSE BECAME A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO HIS MEMORY.



IN 1916, THE INDONESIAN TIGER WAS NAMED PANTHERA TIGRIS CORBETI TIGRIS SIMPLY CORBETT'S TIGER.



THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW IT, JIM CORBETT MADE FUTURE GENERATIONS AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT. HE WAS A GREAT HUNTER WHO LOVED ANIMALS WITH ALL HIS HEART AND DID HIS BEST TO STOP THE HARM BEING DONE TO OUR PLANET.

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